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Alicia Stickney
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Dear Ms. Stickney,

The Water Policy Interim Committee would like to express its support of two projects nominated for Reclamation Development Grants (RDG):

- Acid Mine Drainage Source Control project near Sand Coulee; and
- Belt Water Treatment plan.

The Sand Coulee project would fix the problem of acidic and metallic runoff from abandoned coal mines 10 miles southeast of Great Falls. This discharge results in contaminated water entering Sand Coulee Creek tributaries.

The Belt project would treat similarly contaminated coal mine runoff throughout the community of Belt and into the Belt Creek. Treating the water would improve water quality and protect town residents and improve recreational opportunities.

Thank you for considering the committee's input.

Sincerely,

Chas Vincent, chairman
Water Policy Interim Committee

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